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SUBJECT: MALI AND NIGER FOOD NEEDS

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1. AID/W HAS NOTED GOVERNMENT OF NIGER ALERT TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ON ISSUE OF POSSIBLE FOOD SHORTAGES. SINCE PREVIOUS REPORTS FROM MISSION AND OSRO SUGGESTED THAT IN-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRY STOCKS WERE SUFFICIENT TO CARRY NIGER POPULATION

THROUGH 1975 HARVEST , AID/W WILL RESERVE COMMENT ON RECENT GON ALERT UNTIL UNDP ANALYSIS (REFERRED TO PARA 9 REF C) AND MISSION ASSESSMENT (REFERRED TO PARA 4 REF D) ARE RECEIVED/REVIEWED HERE. IF AID/W REVIEW OF DATA INDICATES POSSIBILITY OF NIGER FOOD SHORTAGE, WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER FORWARDING TO NIAMEY SOME USG STOCKS CURRENTLY HELD IN ABIDJAN.

2. NEED FOR USG FOOD ASSISTANCE IN VI REGION OF MALI WAS ESTABLISHED AND DOCUMENTED APRIL 1975. THE USG CONSIDERS THAT GOVERNMENT OF NIGER HAS A COMMITMENT (REF J) TO FACILITATE TRANSIT OF 3,564 MT OF U.S. SORGHUM PRESENTLY BEING EVACUATED FROM COTONOU/PARAKOU WITH DESTINATION OF GAO.

THESE FOOD STOCKS CANNOT ARRIVE GAO IN TIME TO MEET NEED, UNLESS GON GIVES EXPLICIT CONCURRENCE AND FULL SUPPORT TO TRANSIT OPERATION. DEPARTMENT AND AID URGE EMBASSY TO USE ITS FULL INFLUENCE TO PERSUADE GON TO COOPERATE IN TRANSIT OF COTONOU/GAO SHIPMENTS. YOU MAY ASSURE GON THAT U.S. HAS AVAILABLE IN ABIDJAN ADDITIONAL GRAIN WHICH CAN BE USED TO HELP RESPOND TO A SHORTAGE WHICH MAY BE FOUND TO EXIST IN NIGER. IF NECESSARY TO OBTAIN NIGERIEN COOPERATION IN TRANSSHIPMENT OF GRAIN FOR GAO NOW, YOU MAY TELL GON THAT DELAYS IN TRANSSHIPMENT MAY PREJUDICE RESPONSE TO GON NEEDS.

3. FOR BAMAKO: SUGGEST YOU BRIEF GOM ON CURRENT STATUS OF COTONOU/GAO SHIPMENTS AND INDICATE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT IN NIAMEY.

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